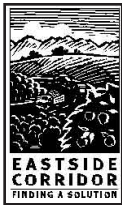


PROJECT SCHEDULE

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| WINTER 2001 | Traffic analysis begins Base mapping begins Introductory Open House held Newsletter #1 published Key stakeholders interviewed |
| SPRING 2001 | Stakeholder workshop held Newsletter #2 published Introductory Scoping Meeting held |
| SUMMER 2001 | Environmental analysis begins 20 conceptual alternatives developed Newsletter #3 published Final Scoping Meeting held |
| FALL 2001 | 4 selected alternatives developed |
| WINTER 2002 | Preferred Alternative chosen Newsletter #4 published |
| SPRING 2002 | Draft EIS published Draft EIS Public Hearing held |
| FALL 2002 | Final EIS published |



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wSDOT to enhance safety
and increase mobility

The Washington State Department of Transportation (wSDOT) is committing \$3 Million dollars to enhance safety and increase mobility in the East Wenatchee urban area. The purpose of the Eastside Corridor effort is to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), a detailed study which examines the environmental impacts of the alternatives under consideration for improving north-south traffic flow east of the Columbia River. (See detailed explanation of the EIS process on next page.) The end result of the EIS process is the identification of a preferred alternative that meets the transportation needs of the community and complies with all Federal and State environmental laws.

While the problem area that prompted this effort is Sunset Highway (SR-28) between the Odabashian Bridge to the north and the Ninth Street intersection in downtown East Wenatchee to the south, the entire area — from the Columbia River up to Badger Mountain and from Rock Island Dam to Rocky Reach Dam — is being examined in order to find a solution. Nearly 7,500 vehicles traverse the corridor daily. That's almost one vehicle every ten seconds, 24 hours a day.

A series of open houses, stakeholder workshops, interviews and formal public hearings will be held over the course of the next two years to ensure that community ideas are included as alternatives are developed. Several mailings of project newsletters to East Wenatchee residents, businesses, and property owners at major project milestones and a project website round out our outreach efforts.

Public involvement will play a key role throughout the process in the selection of a preferred alternative. We want to hear from you at every step along the way, as every voice and opinion is important to finding the best solution.



SR-28 Sunset Highway in East Wenatchee as it is today.



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Help Us Select the Best Alternative



We need your help to complete an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). An EIS is an in-depth analysis of options under consideration for the Eastside Corridor. The EIS serves a number of purposes:

- Identify, analyze, and minimize any potential impacts of any proposed action;
- Analyze the costs and benefits associated with the project;
- Provide the public with opportunities to review and comment on the project; and
- Help decision makers identify the best possible option.

The study issues include traffic, air quality, energy, noise and vibration, parks and wetlands, displacement of businesses and houses, visual impact, land use, utilities, geology, historic resources, and economics. The draft EIS must include ways to lessen or avoid any significant impacts that are identified.

The EIS process will enable the Washington State Department of Transportation, federal and state agencies, local municipalities and the community to explore and analyze a wide range of alternative solutions. As active community participation plays an integral role in the success of this EIS process, there will be many opportunities to ensure that every voice is heard. Open houses, workshops, and public hearings will be held at key milestones to solicit community input so that the best possible alternative is selected.

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A Brief History of the Corridor

In 1957, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) obtained right-of-way and access control for a transportation corridor along the Columbia River between Baker Flats on the north and Ninth Street in East Wenatchee on the south. Various studies have been completed since that time identifying a need for a north-south corridor in the greater East Wenatchee area.

In the 1980s, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was prepared. The preferred alternative selected was for construction of a roadway parallel to the Columbia River. As significant portions of the right-of-way lie within 200 feet of the Columbia River, necessary permits were obtained from Douglas County and the City of East Wenatchee. The issuance of these permits was successfully challenged in Superior Court, which prohibited construction of the new highway within a 200-foot shoreline buffer zone. The project was then put on hold.

Congestion and safety hazards along Sunset Highway have only increased since the 1980s, which presents a serious challenge to the quality of life and economic vitality of our community and region. Environmental laws have become much stricter in the past 15 years. The new EIS study recognizes both realities. The goal is to select an alternative that will meet the transportation needs of the community, make it safer for pedestrians and commuters alike, and protect the natural resources that make our community an attractive place to live.